

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

HELIODORO A. SILVA,

Petitioner,

v.

GIGI PATTERSON, Warden,

Respondent.

No. 1:20-cv-01442 JLT SKO (HC)

ORDER ADOPTING FINDINGS AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS  
(Doc. 42)

ORDER DENYING PETITION FOR WRIT  
OF HABEAS CORPUS, DIRECTING CLERK  
OF COURT TO ENTER JUDGMENT AND  
CLOSE CASE, AND DECLINING TO ISSUE  
CERTIFICATE OF APPEALABILITY

Heliodoro A. Silva is a state prisoner proceeding *pro se* and *in forma pauperis* with a petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. This matter was referred to a United States Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and Local Rule 302.

On January 31, 2022, the assigned magistrate judge issued Findings and Recommendations to deny the petition on its merits. (Doc. 42.) Those Findings and Recommendations were served upon all parties and contained notice that any objections thereto were to be filed within thirty days after service. (*Id.* at 28.) On February 11, 2022, Petitioner filed objections to the Findings and Recommendations. (Doc. 44.) However, the “objections” do not address the findings of the magistrate judge, as the document is essentially a photocopy of the traverse. (*Compare* Doc. 39 *with* Doc. 44.)

In accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636 (b)(1)(C), the Court has conducted a

1 *de novo* review of the case. Having carefully reviewed the entire file, including Petitioner’s  
2 objections, the Court concludes that the Magistrate Judge’s Findings and Recommendations are  
3 supported by the record and proper analysis.

4 In addition, the Court declines to issue a certificate of appealability. A state prisoner  
5 seeking a writ of habeas corpus has no absolute entitlement to appeal a district court’s denial of  
6 his petition, and an appeal is only allowed in certain circumstances. *Miller-El v. Cockrell*, 537  
7 U.S. 322, 335-336 (2003). The controlling statute in determining whether to issue a certificate of  
8 appealability is 28 U.S.C. § 2253, which provides as follows:

9 (a) In a habeas corpus proceeding or a proceeding under section 2255 before a  
10 district judge, the final order shall be subject to review, on appeal, by the court of  
appeals for the circuit in which the proceeding is held.

11 (b) There shall be no right of appeal from a final order in a proceeding to test  
12 the validity of a warrant to remove to another district or place for commitment or  
13 trial a person charged with a criminal offense against the United States, or to test  
the validity of such person's detention pending removal proceedings.

14 (c) (1) Unless a circuit justice or judge issues a certificate of appealability, an  
appeal may not be taken to the court of appeals from—

15 (A) the final order in a habeas corpus proceeding in which the  
16 detention complained of arises out of process issued by a State  
court; or

17 (B) the final order in a proceeding under section 2255.

18 (2) A certificate of appealability may issue under paragraph (1) only if the  
19 applicant has made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional  
right.

20 (3) The certificate of appealability under paragraph (1) shall indicate which  
21 specific issue or issues satisfy the showing required by paragraph (2).

22 If a court denies a petitioner’s petition, the court may only issue a certificate of  
23 appealability when a petitioner makes a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right.  
24 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2). To make a substantial showing, the petitioner must establish that  
25 “reasonable jurists could debate whether (or, for that matter, agree that) the petition should have  
26 been resolved in a different manner or that the issues presented were ‘adequate to deserve  
27 encouragement to proceed further.’” *Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000) (quoting  
28 *Barefoot v. Estelle*, 463 U.S. 880, 893 (1983)).

1 In the present case, the Court finds that Petitioner has not made the required substantial  
2 showing of the denial of a constitutional right to justify the issuance of a certificate of  
3 appealability. Reasonable jurists would not find the Court's determination that Petitioner is not  
4 entitled to federal habeas corpus relief debatable, wrong, or deserving of encouragement to  
5 proceed further. Thus, the Court declines to issue a certificate of appealability. Accordingly, the  
6 Court **ORDERS**:

- 7 1. The Findings and Recommendations issued on January 31, 2022 (Doc. 42), are  
8 adopted in full.
- 9 2. The petition for writ of habeas corpus is denied with prejudice.
- 10 3. The Clerk of Court is directed to enter judgment and close the case; and
- 11 4. The Court declines to issue a certificate of appealability.

12 This order terminates the action in its entirety.

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14 IT IS SO ORDERED.

15 Dated: **March 13, 2022**

  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE